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To: Alok Jha [REDACTED]
Sent: 6/4/2020 12:18:17 PM
Subject: Re: Interview request on Global Virome Project - from The Economist

Dear Alok,

It was nice speaking with you & sorry I had to drop off at the end of the call. Let me know if you need any follow-up questions answered.

I promised to give you a peek at our SpillOver manuscript as an example of the need for and potential impact of the data that GVP could deliver. Please remember that this manuscript is being provided as an example for you on background only, though. We are currently revising the manuscript in response to the reviewers' comments. The ranking in the tables, as well as in the online tool will change substantively, as we are adding the viruses found in Predict between 2014 and 2019 (2009-2014 already included in this draft) and updating the known virus dataset with all of the new information on SARS-related coronaviruses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. We will also be removing all of the vector-borne viruses because, although they are zoonotic and do spillover, their propensity for human-to-human spread is low to non-existent, and therefore including them adds a lot of unuseful noise to the ranking system. Figure 3 will likely change to either SARS-related coronavirus or Predict-CoV-35. We will also be clarifying that the current version of the tool is to compare spillover risk, rather than pandemic potential. That said, we believe that we can continue to identify and classify risk factors for pandemic potential and that the platform used for this tool can also be optimized to provide assessment of that risk over time as data become available through GVP and other initiatives.

Thanks for your interest & be well,
Jonna

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On Thu, May 28, 2020 at 7:22 AM Alok Jha <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Hello Dr Mazet and Dr Carroll.

I hope you are well. Just wanted to check in to ensure you were both still ok to talk tomorrow (Friday May 29) about The Global Virome Initiative and potential future pandemics?

I've pasted the Zoom details below for your convenience and an invitation with the details should also be in your diaries.

Dr Daszak - the invitation is there for you to join us if you are able, it would be great to hear from you too on this important subject.

Thank you,
Alok.

Alok Jha
Science correspondent

The Economist



On Wed, 20 May 2020 at 09:56, Alok Jha <[redacted]> wrote:

Thank you Mary. I can make any of those times work, though I have a preference for the 8am slots (as I'm 8 hours ahead of you!) and the sooner the better. Shall we pencil in May 29 at 8am PT?

Dr Daszak and Dr Carroll, I'd be grateful to know if that time works for you too? If not then please let me know when would be good (ideally from Mary's options below).

I'll send a calendar invite to everyone but we can of course adapt that once we've heard further from Dr Daszak and Dr Carroll about their availability.

Zoom Meeting details are as follows:

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Thank you and best wishes,
Alok.

Alok Jha

Science correspondent

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On Wed, 20 May 2020 at 00:57, Jonna Mazet <jkmazet@ucdavis.edu> wrote:

Hi Alok,

This is Mary Radford, Jonna's assistant. Thank you for contacting her about her work and thinking of the Global Virome Project for your article. Jonna would be pleased to accept your request for an interview.

She has these upcoming times available if any of these also work for Peter:

5/27: 8-9 or 9-10am PT

5/29: 8-9 or 9-10am PT

6/2: 9-10 or 10-11am PT

6/3: 8-9 or 9-10am PT

6/5: 8-9 or 9-10am PT

She asked me to copy Dennis for you as well.

Best,

Mary

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On Tue, May 19, 2020 at 5:07 AM Alok Jha <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Dr Mazet and Dr Daszak,

(CC: Ms Kerlin)

I hope you are all well. I'm a science writer at The Economist, based in London, and I'm working on a feature for the paper on how the world could predict and prepare for the next pandemic. Given your extensive knowledge on these topics, I hoped we might talk in the coming days? I'd be very interested to hear about your own work in this area and, in particular, the ideas behind the Global Virome Project. Has that initiative become ever more important in the wake of covid-19?

My article will look at questions including: where the next zoonotic virus spillover could happen; what are the virus candidates (nipah, hendra, various influenzas, I guess?); potential locations (SE Asia, sub-Saharan Africa etc?); what is the current surveillance network like, how does it all work, where are the gaps, how should it change in response to covid-19?

If it would be possible to do a joint call with you both, I would very much appreciate it, though I appreciate co-ordinating timings for everyone might be difficult.

In addition, if you could put me in touch with Dr Dennis Carrol too for his input, I would be very grateful.

And if there are others you think I should be speaking to for the article, or if there are background articles or papers that you think might be useful for my research, then please do let me know.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

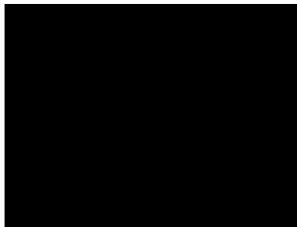
Best wishes,

Alok.

Alok Jha

Science correspondent

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